

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-12, 18-21 and 23 drawn to nucleic acids encoding GFP or GFP fusion proteins, expression vectors and host cells thereof.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson (Reg. No. 30,330) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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- 14.(Amended) A nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein of interest fused to a nucleotide sequence encoding a Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) or a functional GFP analogue according to claim [13] 1.
- 23.(Amended) A nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein of interest fused to a nucleotide sequence encoding a Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) or a functional GFP analogue according to claim [15] 18.